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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the following amended claim:

1. (Amended) A test kit for determining qualitatively or quantitatively the presence of one or more analytes in a fluid sample, comprising an assay device for sampling and assaying said fluid together with a reading device which includes reading initiation means and which engages with said assay device and wherein precisely located engagement of said assay device with said reading device is essential for accurate reading of the assay result, the precisely located engagement of said assay device with said reading device causing a lock-and-key interaction between said assay device and reading initiation means of said reading device, said lock and key interaction occurring only when said assay device is properly positioned